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FOR DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND UNDER SECRETARY MAW
FROM JOHN NORTON MOORE.

USUN PLEASE PASS AMBASSADOR STEVENSON.

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SUBJECT: ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS AND GROUP OF FIVE CON-
CURRENCE

1. SUMMARY: MOORE MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GROUP OF
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FIVE FOR FULL DISCUSSION OF ARCHIPELAGO NEGOTIATIONS.

WITH ONLY MINOR RESERVATIONS RELATED PRIMARILY TO COVER-
AGE OF ARCHIPELAGO CHAPTER, FRANCE, UK, USSR, AND JAPAN
AUTHORIZED MOORE TO CONVEY TO INDONESIANS AND BAHAMIANS
THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO SUPPORT ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE
AS PART OF COMPREHENSIVE LOS TREATY PROVIDED ARCHIPEL-
AGO STATES AGREE AT EARLY TIME TO THREE PRINCIPLES
CONVEYED BY US TO INDONESIA AND BAHAMAS, I.E. OBJECTIVE
DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGO, UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF ARCHI-
PELAGIC WATERS, AND RECIPROCAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED
TRANSIT OF STRAITS.

2. JOHN NORTON MOORE MET WITH SIR ROGER JACKLING
(UK) MINISTERS DE LACHARRIERE AND JEANNEL (FRANCE).
AMBASSADOR OGISO (JAPAN) AND DR. ROMANOV (USSR) FOR
GENERAL BRIEFING OF OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP OF FIVE ON
US ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS PROPOSAL AND INDICATED THAT
OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH INDONESIA AND THE BAHAMAS WERE
PROMISING.

3. FOLLOWING FULL DISCUSSION OF ARCHIPELAGO INITIATIVE
THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP AUTHORIZED MOORE TO CONVEY TO
INDONESIANS AND BAHAMIANS THEIR SUPPORT FOR ARCHIPELAGO
STRAITS UNDERSTANDING AS SUGGESTED BY US. ONLY RESER-
VATIONS RELATED TO NEED FOR BAHAMAS TO FULLY COORDINATE
WITH CUBANS(USSR) NEED TO WORK OUT DEFINITION
OF AN ATOLL OR OTHER FEATURE WHICH WOULD PERSUASIVELY
BRING THE BAHAMAS WITHIN A 1:9 LAND WATER RATIO (UK),
RESERVATIONS CONCERNING 1:1 MINIMUM REQUIREMENT FOR LAND
WATER RATIO (UK AND JAPAN), RESERVATIONS VIS-A-VIS
INDONESIA CONCERNING TRADITIONAL FISHING AND COMMERCIAL
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLES (JAPAN), RESERVATION CON-
CERNING DEFINITION WORDED IN TERMS OF INDEPENDENT STATES
(FRANCE), REITERATION OF POINT CONCERNING RECIPROCAL
SUPPORT FOR ALL ISLANDS TO HAVE FULL 200 MILE ECONOMIC
ZONE (UK AND FRANCE), AND REITERATION OF POINT THAT
ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT PREJUDICE BILATERAL
BOUNDARY DISPUTES (JAPAN, UK, AND USSR).

4. COMMENT: MEETING WILL ENABLE US TO RESPOND AFFIRMATI-
VELY TO INDONESIA (AT UPCOMING WASHINGTON MEETING)
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AND BAHAMAS (BY SEPARATECABLE) ON BEHALF OF
MAJOR MARITIME STATES PROVIDED INDONESIA AND BAHAMAS
AGREE AT EARLY TIME TO THREE PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING
RECIPROCAL SUPPORT FOR STRAITS. CONTINUED SUPPORT OF
GROUP OF FIVE SHOULD PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT LEVERAGE IN
ARCHIPELAGO-STRAITS NEGOTIATIONS.

5. FULL REPORT FOLLOWS BY SEPARATE CABLE.

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